



# ***The Marine Air Ground Task Force***

## ***The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Marine Corps***

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# A Better Understanding

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- What we do
- Why we're unique
- How we're organized



# Our Mission

- **“ ...THE SEIZURE AND DEFENSE OF ADVANCED NAVAL BASES AND FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH LAND OPERATIONS AS MAY BE ESSENTIAL TO THE PROSECUTION OF A NAVAL CAMPAIGN.**
- **...DEVELOP, IN COORDINATION WITH THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE, THE DOCTRINE, TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND EQUIPMENT EMPLOYED BY LANDING FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.**
- **...PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT MAY DIRECT.”**

**NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947 AS AMENDED  
BY TITLE 10, U.S. CODE IN 1952**



**Our Tradition: Most Ready When the Nation is Least Ready**

# Our Vision

- **“To remain the world’s foremost expeditionary warfighting organization...**
- **...Always interoperable with joint, coalition, and interagency partners.**
- **To create stability in an unstable world...**
- **...With the world’s finest warriors-**  
**United States Marines.”**





# Our Tasks

**Help Joint Force Commanders (JFCs) to:**

- **Prevent instability -**
  - *“No Better Friend”*
- **Enable stability -**
  - *“No Worse Enemy”*
- **Rapidly transition back & forth -**
  - *“Nation’s Premier Expeditionary Force-in-Readiness”*



**Multiple, Concurrent, Overlapping Operations**

# Why We're Unique

- **Maneuver Warfare philosophy**

- Nature of war: a violent struggle between hostile, independent, irreconcilable wills...
- ...Chaos, friction, & uncertainty
- We combine high-tempo ops with a bias for action
- ...To achieve advantage - in any dimension



- **Expeditionary heritage**

- Primarily a naval force, equally home at sea or ashore
- Operating from very austere environments - worldwide
- Across the full range of military operations



- **Concepts: Organize, Deploy, Employ**

- Integrated concepts
- The Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF)



# Sustainable Combined Arms

- **Single commander**
  - Single battle
- **Create synergy**
  - More than the sum of elements
- **Supportable, credible**
  - Continuous high-tempo ops
- **Create dilemmas**
  - No good choices



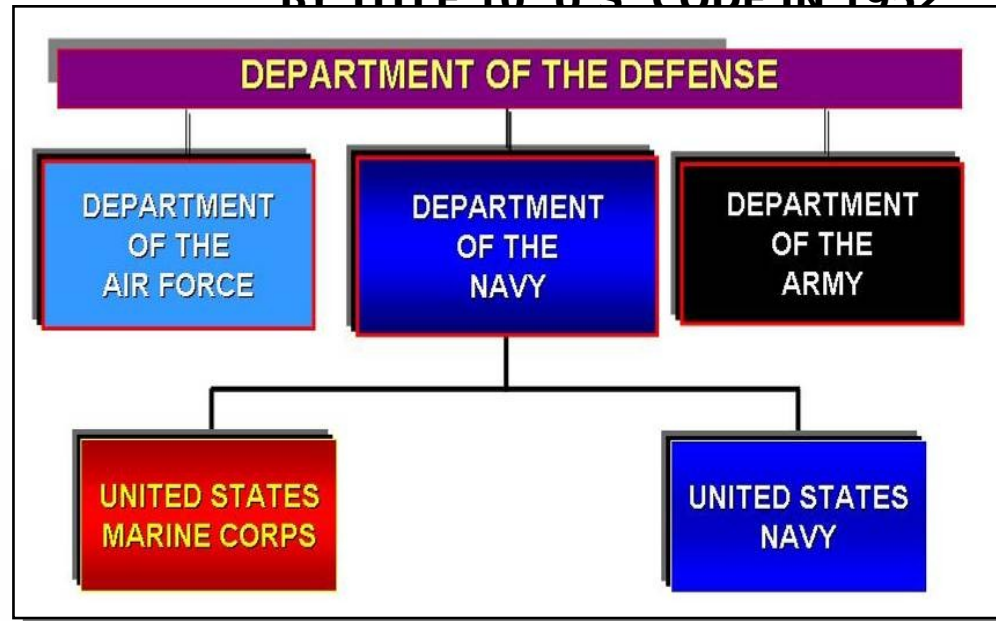
**Combined Arms Culture: Inherently Joint**

# Structure

- “...NOT LESS THAN THREE COMBAT DIVISIONS, THREE AIRCRAFT WINGS, AND SUCH OTHER LAND COMBAT, AVIATION, AND OTHER SERVICES AS MAY BE ORGANIC THEREIN...”

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- ACTIVE END STRENGTH - 175,000~
- RESERVE END STRENGTH - 40,000
- CIVILIANS - 19,000
- TOTAL FORCE - 234,000
- OPERATING FORCES (ACTIVE)**  
**115,000**

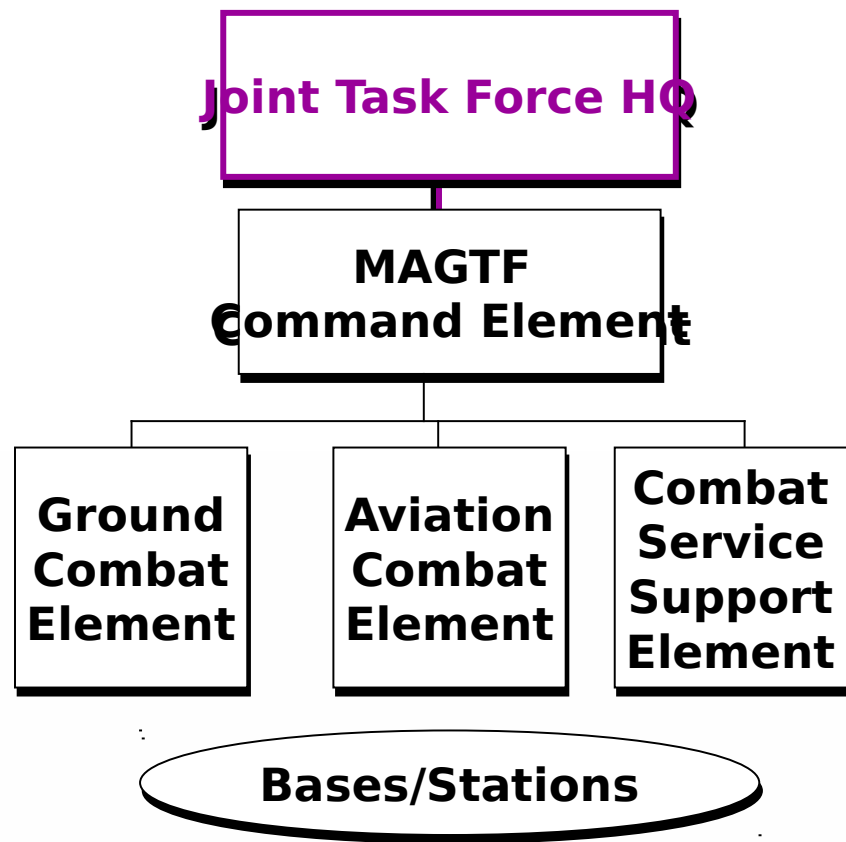
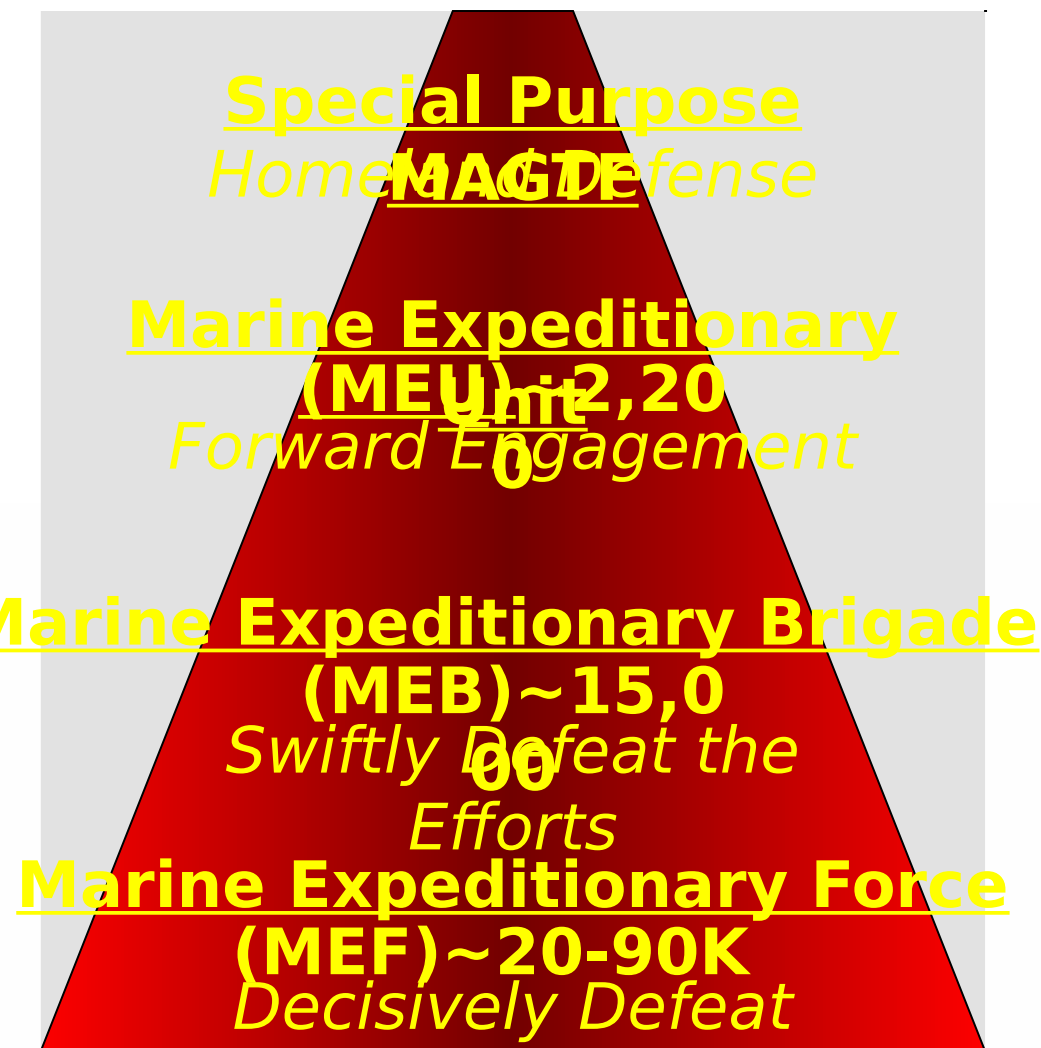


“...Organized, trained, and equipped to provide fleet marine forces of combined arms...”

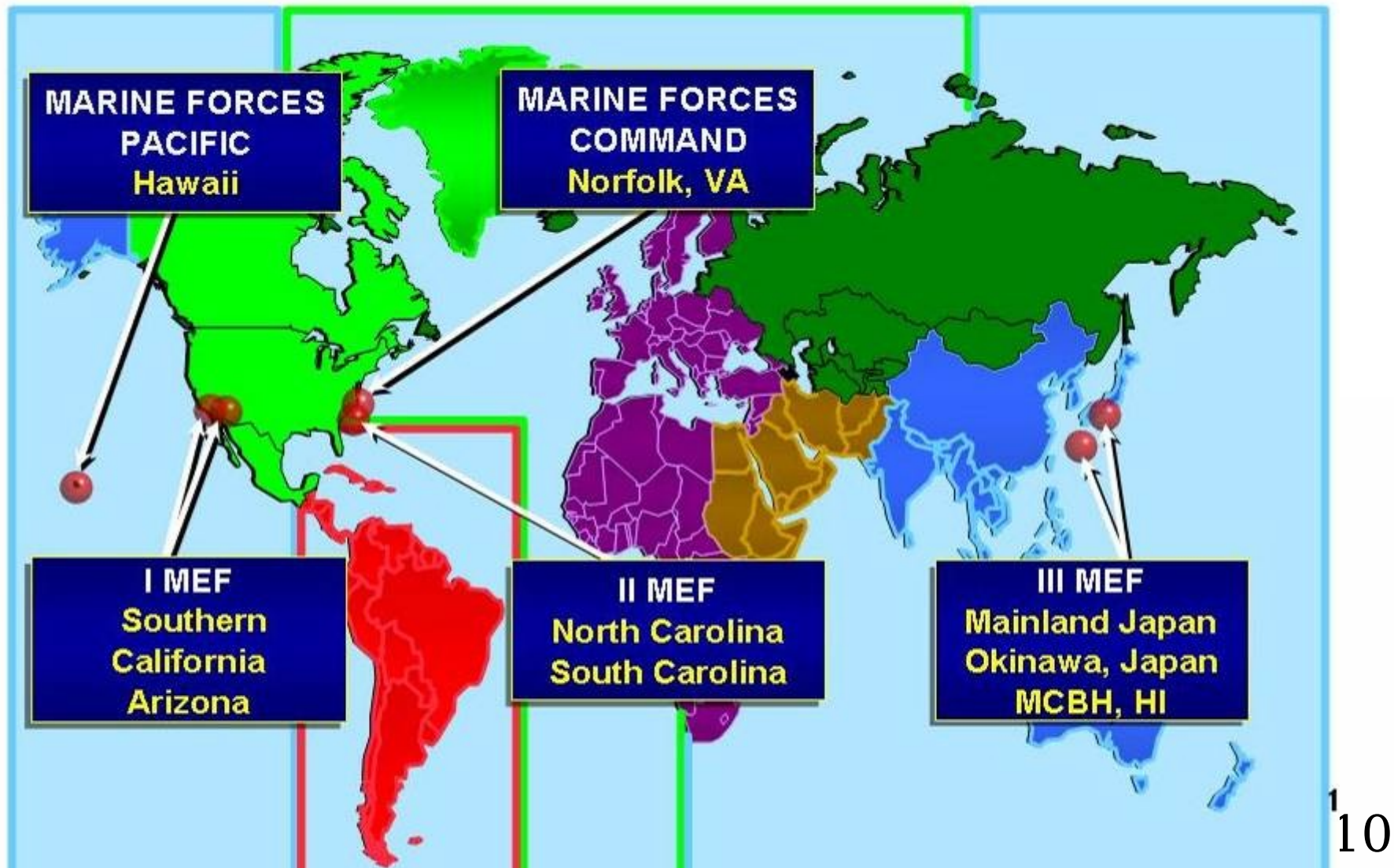


# Marine Air-Ground Task Forces

MAGTFs



# Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF)



**Principle Contribution to the Joint Fight**

# Marine Division (MARDIV)

*16,000 Marines*



**232 - AAVs**



**1167- HMMWVs**



**72 - 155mm  
Howitzers**



**27 - Bull Dozers**

**15 - Dump Trucks**

**16 - ACEs**



**340- 5t/7t Trucks**



**45- RRCs**



**58 - M1A1**



**207 - LAVs**

**Locate, Close With, and Destroy**



# Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW)

*15,000 Marines*



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**Air Operations in Support of Fleet Marine Forces**



# Marine Logistics Group (MLG)

*8,000 Marines*

- **116 Refuelers**
- **300 5t/7t trucks**
- **28 Rough Terrain Cargo Handlers**
- **120 Fork Lifts**
- **60 Mobile Cranes**
- **75 Maintenance shelters**
- **34 Bull dozers**
- **40 Road Graders**
- **80 Dump Trucks**
- **82 ROWPU**



**Support Whether in Garrison or Deployed**

# Marine Expeditionary Brigade

(MEB)

- Nation's premier medium-weight force
- Full range of crises
- Enable joint / combined forces
- Deployment options
  - By Amphibious Task Force
  - By Maritime Prepositioning Squadron



**Our Primary Forcible Entry Force**

# Marine Expeditionary Unit

## (Special Operations Capable) - MEU(SOC)

- On-scene / On-call
- Immediately- employable
- JFC's combined arms force of choice
- Conventional & selected maritime special operations:
  - At Night
  - Adverse Weather
  - Over the Horizon
  - By Surface/Air
  - Under Emissions Control
  - From the Sea



# New Tools

- **MV-22B Osprey**

- Vertical / short takeoff and landing (V/STOL)
- Multi-purpose tactical aircraft
- Replace fleet of Vietnam era CH-46E & CH-53D



- **F-35B Joint Strike Fighter**

- Stealthy, supersonic, strike-fighter aircraft
- Capable of short takeoffs and vertical landings



- **Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle**

- Primary tactical mobility for Marine rifle squad
- High water-speed, armored amphibious vehicle
- From ships beyond the horizon to inland objectives.
- Speed & maneuvering capabilities to operate with main battle tanks on land





# Same Ethos

- Scalable, Tailorable
- Sustainable Combined-Arms
- Joint & Combined



**“ Our most effective weapon remains the individual Marine who out-learns, out-thinks, and out-fights any adversary.”**

*General M. W. Hagee*